

WHAT IS THE GEOGRAPHIC PREFERENCE OPTION?

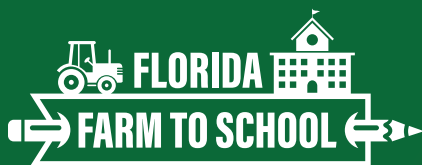
- 1 Using “local” as a specification in IFBs and RFPs, including “locally grown,” “locally raised,” or “locally caught,” meaning schools can remove products or bids that do not meet this standard.
- 2 Using a defined scoring advantage while scoring bids, giving additional points or credit to bids that meet the definition of local. “Local” as specification is more streamlined than the defined scoring advantage approach.

Geographic preference can be used for unprocessed agricultural products, including products that are frozen, peeled/cut, shucked, ground, dried, packaged, or pasteurized, and products with added preservatives to prevent oxidation.



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Florida’s Farm to School initiative works to increase Florida commodities served in schools, offer more nutritiously balanced meal options for Florida’s children, and get students involved with nutrition and agriculture education – all while fostering positive economic relationships between food producers and schools to enrich local economies.

In a 2023 survey, roughly one-third of Florida CNP operators reported actively procuring local foods for school meals. Another 21% planned to the following school year.